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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

To the Department of Justice:

I am an American citizen and a long-time beneficiary of Microsoft products, and I believe as strongly as I have ever believed anything that what you have been doing to this company is wrong. It was wrong to have brought this suit in the first place. It was wrong for any judge to have ever found them guilty of anything, and it would be a grave injustice for the Department of Justice to impose a penalty of any kind.

Microsoft's only 'crime' was to be too good at what it does. I use Windows 2000 every day (in fact I am using it right now), and I can't imagine how different my life would have been the last 20 years if Microsoft had never existed or hadn't been as successful as it is. The only thing you are doing in persecuting these people, (and make no mistake, it is people you are persecuting. The company name may be Microsoft but all Microsoft is is a whole lot of people pursuing their lives and their careers to the best of their abilities), is making my life and the lives of millions of Americans who have come to rely on Microsoft products more expensive and more difficult.

How dare you be so condescending as to believe that I need your 'protection' from these people? The only thing I need protection from is a government that continues to usurp more and more power while increasingly dictating how the lives of its citizens should be led.

Start doing your legitimate job of protecting my individual rights of life, liberty, property and the pursuit of happiness, and stop persecuting some of the most productive, most moral people on earth; the owners, managers and employees of the Microsoft Corporation.

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